

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP99-176-031]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America; Notice of Compliance Filing

January 18, 2001.

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (Natural) tendered for filing with the to become part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Sixth Revised Volume No. 1, certain tariff sheets to be effective December 1, 2000.

Natural states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order accepting tariff sheet and negotiated rate agreement subject to condition, issued on December 28, 2000, in Docket Nos. RP99-176-025 and RP99-176-026.

Natural requests waiver of the Commission's Regulations to the extent necessary to permit the revised tariff sheets to become effective December 1, 2000.

Natural states that copies of the filing are being mailed to all parties set out on the Commission's official service list in Docket No. RP99-176.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance). Comments and protests may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www/ferc/fed/us/efi/doorbell.htm>.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Project No. 2902]

Nekoosa Packaging Corporation; Notice of Authorization for Continued Project Operation

January 18, 2001.

On December 29, 1998, Nekoosa Packaging Corporation, licensee for the Big Island Project No. 2902, filed an application for a new or subsequent license pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. Project No. 2902 is located on the James River in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia.

The license for Project No. 2902 was issued for a period ending December 31, 2000. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 U.S.C. 808(a)(1) requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue form year to year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of Section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license; then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project No. 2902 is issued to Nekoosa Packaging Corporation for a period effective January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take place on or before January 1, 2002, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission,

unless the Commission orders otherwise.

If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that Nekoosa Packaging Corporation is authorized to continue operation of the Big Island Project No. 2902 until such time as the Commission acts on its application for subsequent license.

David P. Boergers,*Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP96-272-027]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

January 18, 2001.

Take notice that on January 12, 2001, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) tendered for filing to become part of Northern's FERC Gas Tariff, Fifth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, proposed to become effective on January 16, 2001:

Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 66
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 66A

Northern states that the above sheets are being filed to amend the negotiated rate transaction with OGE Energy Resources, Inc. filed on December 29, 2000 and corrected in a filing on January 9, 2001 in accordance with the Commission's Policy Statement on Alternatives to Traditional Cost-of-Service Ratemaking for Natural Gas Pipelines.

Northern further states that copies of the filing have been mailed to each of its customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed in accordance with section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call